

Adoption



**Saint Francis
Community Services®**
Strengthening Families Since 1945

Open *Your* **Heart** *and* **Home**



Our mission is to be an instrument of healing for children, youths, and families in spirit, mind, and body, so they live responsibly and productively with purpose and hope.

Who Is Saint Francis Community Services?

In 1945, Father Bob Mize, Jr., a young Episcopal priest from Western Kansas, began pursuing his vision of providing a caring, family atmosphere where troubled youths could heal. As "Father Bob" worked with the young people, he applied his philosophy of treatment, Therapy in Christ, which would define his ministry and continues to be the foundation for Saint Francis Community Services. Today, Saint Francis Community Services is a community-based service provider, bringing hope and healing to more than 4,000 children annually through programs that include foster care, family preservation, and adoption.

Are You Interested In Adoption?

If you are interested in adoption, but not sure where to start, Saint Francis Community Services can answer your questions, provide information, and explain the process of becoming an adoptive family.

Why Should You Adopt?

If you've considered adopting a child, there are many children in Kansas who are waiting for a loving, caring, supportive place to call home. Adoption is the best way to give children the love and security they need, providing a sense of belonging and a supportive place to call home. Adopting a child is a life changing experience and is a commitment that should be considered carefully.

Requirements to adopt include:

- 21 years of age or older.
- Single individuals and married couples may adopt children.

Complete the assessment process that consists of:

- Background checks (criminal, child abuse/neglect, fingerprinting)
- Health assessment
- Employment verification
- Family history
- References
- Attend and complete the state required PS-MAPP (Permanency and Safety-Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting) training.

Saint Francis Community Services Can Help!

Saint Francis provides services for children who are available for adoption. Our organization seeks loving, supportive families who can provide for the children's needs while they are going through the separation and loss of their birth family and becoming a permanent part of a stable, loving family.

Saint Francis provides training and support services to families throughout the process, for those who want to adopt or foster-to-adopt. Saint Francis is dedicated to the success of families with adoption team members ready to assist you.

Who Are The Children Needing Adoption?

Children who need adoptive homes come in all ages and ethnic backgrounds, and some have special needs. Some children are waiting for adoption with their siblings, looking for families who will keep them all together.

How Do I Adopt?

If you are interested in adopting a child, call 1-866-999-1599, or visit www.st-francis.org. Saint Francis Community Services has a team of professionals to answer your questions and to assist you in the adoption process. This process will help match your family strengths to the needs of a child.

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